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PAC DAY

All students in the Department of Mass Communication are welcome to attend the Professional Advisory Committee Friday, March 9. Chances to meet with professionals will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK

Norah Vincent, author of "The Self-Made Man," will speak as part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series 8 p.m., Monday, March 12, in the Union.

CHALLENGE U

Applications are still being accepted for Challenge University, a program encouraging students to finish high school and move on to college.

Eleven youth leader positions are open for the four Challenge U sessions to be held June 6 and June 23 on the Northwest campus.

Paper copies of completed applications and recommendations to Human Resources, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo., 64468.

TODAY

Career Services Interview Day.

Dale Pereira ceramics exhibit closes.

SATURDAY

Women's and men's basketball vs. Fort Hays State, Bearcat Arena.

Wind symphony/symphonic band concert, 7 p.m. Charles Johnson Theater.

MONDAY

Aristotle Georgides Sculpture Exhibit opens lecture and reception, 7 p.m., 244 Fine Arts Building.

TUESDAY

Last date to add or enroll in second-block course.

SAC lecture: Judy Shepard, 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater.

IT'S BACK!

Heartland View is up and running. Visit the online travel magazine at Heartlandview.com

Visit the web for:

The results of the men's and women's basketball games. Jump online next week to see video of the Northwest's annual drag show.

INTERNET GAMING

WAR OF THE WORLDS

World of Warcraft is taking control of Internet gaming and its players

By Tara Adkins
Features Editor

Cavemen, elves, and the undead dance on the walls of dimly lit rooms as the glow of the computer screen highlights their faces.

With headset and microphones glued to their heads, the guild gathers for its nightly meeting.

It's 7 p.m. The raid has begun. The role-playing computer game World of Warcraft has wedged itself into the minds of millions of players across the globe.

The popular game has created an obsession for the most players forget the world they live in as they enter the fantasy world of Azeroth.

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money. Northwest sophomore Alexander Lobe said, "I've played the game for two years. I've claimed my friend's name as my friend. The game that he lost his scholarship, dropped out of college and sold his car to devote all his time to the game."

He just vegges in his basement. He lost everything because of the game. It's sick," Lobe said. "I hope to never let it get that far out of control."

Despite the bags under their eyes, Lobe and his friends have once continued their marathon of "Warcraft" into the early hours of dawn.

As the days grow darker, the players complete their quests and adventures in the fantasy world of Azeroth. The game is a free-to-play game. However, players must purchase the game for \$15.99. A monthly subscription fee of \$12.99 is also required.

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

Graduate classes to relocate

Northwest graduate classes in St. Joseph looking for new home

By Kristin Summers
University Editor

Northwest students traveling to Missouri Western State University for graduate classes will eventually have to drive farther into the St. Joseph area.

Northwest will no longer offer graduate courses on Missouri Western's campus, according to Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services.

A reason why graduate classes are being relocated is due to Missouri Western requesting an extra \$2,000 for Northwest to have instructional television (ITV) courses on their campus, Courter said.

There are 108 Northwest students enrolled in the graduate courses offered at Missouri Western, Theresa Immel, graduate records specialist, said.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said graduate classes have been offered at Missouri Western before he took office here 22 years ago.

The extra \$2,000 is excessive, Courter said. Missouri Western hasn't requested Northwest find a new location for its courses, Hubbard said.

Northwest pays roughly \$10,000 to have the graduate courses offered on Missouri Western's campus each

year, Courter said.

Roughly another \$20,000 goes toward Northwest employed faculty who teach on Missouri Western's campus, Courter said.

Several locations throughout St. Joseph have been considered, including downtown and the Belt Highway, but an exact location has not been determined yet, Hubbard said.

Although a location hasn't been set yet, the building will be somewhat similar to the Northwest's Kansas City Center, Courter said.

Once a location is chosen, Courter said it will be funded by the city and a private developer with Northwest paying a usage fee similar to the fee Northwest's pays to hold classes at Missouri Western.

Though the graduate classes are being relocated, cost to operate the courses will not cost more than they did being offered at Missouri Western, Hubbard said.

Along with Northwest graduate courses being relocated, Missouri Western plans to add graduate courses in the fall. Missouri Western's new graduate courses and Northwest's will not be competitive since both universities offer different graduate programs, Hubbard said.

As of press time, no date or location was set for the relocation.

Sept. 11 survivor to speak at Northwest

By Kristin Summers
University Editor

Blind his entire life, on Sept. 11, 2001, Michael Hingson and his guide dog, Roselle, were able to find their way through the chaos and out of the World Trade Center after the first plane struck.

Working as a manager for a computer company, Hingson was in his office in suite 7827 on the 78th floor when the plane hit, according to Eococ.gov.

Hingson is Northwest's spring trimester Ploghoft lecturer. The Ploghoft lecture series is funded by alumnus Milton Ploghoft and his wife Zella Ploghoft, an alumna of the Horace Mann Laboratory School.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, Hingson has been sharing his and Roselle's story on "Larry King Live" and several other television shows. Hingson is also a spokesperson for the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The purpose of the series is to

bring speakers that promote racial harmony, internationalism and diversity.

Max Ruhl, college education and human services dean, handles the Ploghoft lecture finances. Ruhl said Hingson's story is very inspiring.

Hingson's speech deals with the kind of issues of this time, which is terrorism, Ruhl said.

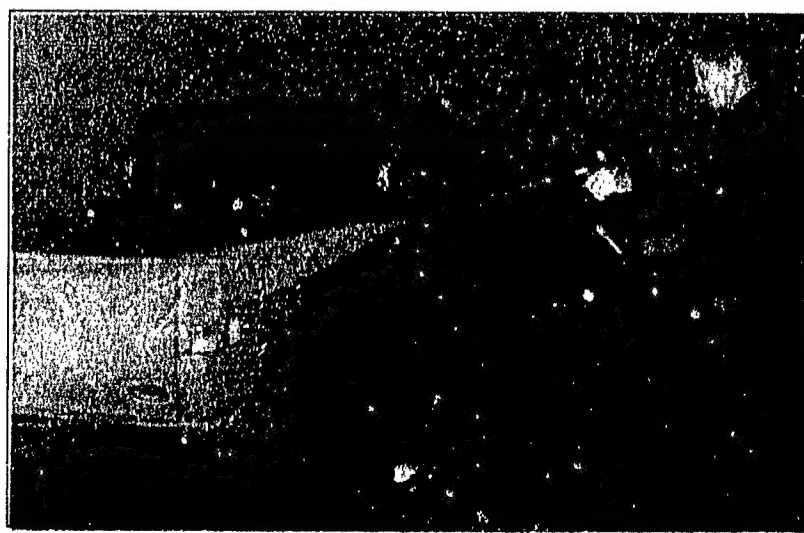
Senior Lindsay Jordan read about Hingson coming to Northwest online and hopes to attend the lecture.

Jordan said it is important to bring diversity and speakers with personal experience to campus, especially since the Sept. 11 attacks have been all over the news.

Junior Joe Basinger said meeting someone who survived the Sept. 11 attacks would be interesting.

"It's such a big part of our country's past," Basinger said Hingson will speak at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 5, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

AT THE CARWASH, YEAH!



JESSICA THOMPSON washes the grime from the winter's storms off of her vehicle at the Uptown Carwash. Carwashes are starting to fill up due to the rising temperatures this week.

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CAMPUSBRIEFS

Northwest Forensic Team wins state competition

Northwest's Forensic Team won the state championship in individual events at a state tournament at William Jewell College last Saturday and Sunday. The team competed in public speaking. The last time the team won the championship was 1998.

8th Annual Drag Show set for this Friday

Common Ground will sponsor 8th annual Drag Show which will be at 6:30 p.m., Friday in the J. W. Student Union Ballroom. The show will be hosted this year by Bianca Bliss. This year's theme is the "Lost girls of Never-Neverland." Admission is \$5 or \$4 with a canned item. Donations go to the Ministry Center with proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Children's Mercy Hospital.

St. Jude's "Up 'til Dawn" hosts garage sale

"Up 'til Dawn," which raising money for St. Jude Children's Hospital, will host a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Maryville United Methodist Church. Donations for the garage sale can be taken to the Campus Activities Office. "Up 'til Dawn" also has eight executive positions open. Applications can be picked up in the Campus Activities Office. Deadline is Friday, March 2. For more information about the garage sale or applications contact Veronica Petree at s256212@nwmissouri.edu.

Northwest in the Top 5 in recycling contest

Northwest is ranked fourth out of 60 schools competing in RecycleMania, an annual recycling and waste reduction competition. At the end of the first week, Northwest was ranked second overall. Northwest is competing in two categories: Per Capita Classic and Waste Minimization. The 10-week competition ends Saturday, April 7. Weekly standings are updated every Friday, to see the weekly results go Recyclemania.org/results.

Gay rights advocate to speak on campus

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

On Oct. 7, 1998, 21-year-old Matthew Shepard was led out of a Wyoming bar by two men who claimed they were gay. Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson took Shepard to an isolated area outside Laramie, Wyo., tied him to a fence, ruthlessly beat him and left him to die.

Eighteen hours later, a cyclist found Shepard still tied to the fence and unconscious. Shepard never woke up after his beating and died at Poudre Valley Hospital a few days later on Oct. 12, 1998. Doctors found that Shepard suffered repeated blows to the head and as well as an injury to his brain stem, which would have controlled his vital signs.

Gay rights activist Judy Shepard will speak at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the Charles Johnson Theater, in hopes of preventing events like this from happening again.

The presentation is part of the lecture series, Campus Activities Director Kristen Alley said. They received information about possible issues that would be important to students.

"Someone mentioned Shepard's name and we thought that she is a great speaker and this is a great issue for the students to be aware of," Alley said.

Shepard began to tour around the country shortly after the murder of her son, Matthew Shepard, according to Matthewshepard.org.

Her son was a victim of an anti-gay hate crime, and she is using her experience to speak with others on how to make the world a better place. She has spoken with over 1 million people and has challenged them to "erase the hate."

Not only is Shepard an advocate of gay rights, she promotes respect for others and dignity as well. Alley said.

Shepard also discusses the effects of hate crimes on the world and attempts to promote diversity and tolerance.

Shepard will begin her presentation with a video, immediately followed by a discussion of hate language and hate crimes, she said.

"She will share a message through the lens of a mother who lost a son because of a hate crime. She has a lot to teach us," Alley said.

Judy and Dennis Shepard created the Matthew Shepard Foundation shortly after his death to inform others about social justice, diversity awareness, and equality for gay, lesbian and bisexual people.

The Foundation's mission is to support education programs that focus on diversity and creating a safe environment.

The year following his death, members of the Tectonic Theater Project created a play that recounted the events of that night. "The Laramie Project" was then turned into a HBO movie that was released in 2000, according to Tectonictheaterproject.org.

SPEAKING OUT

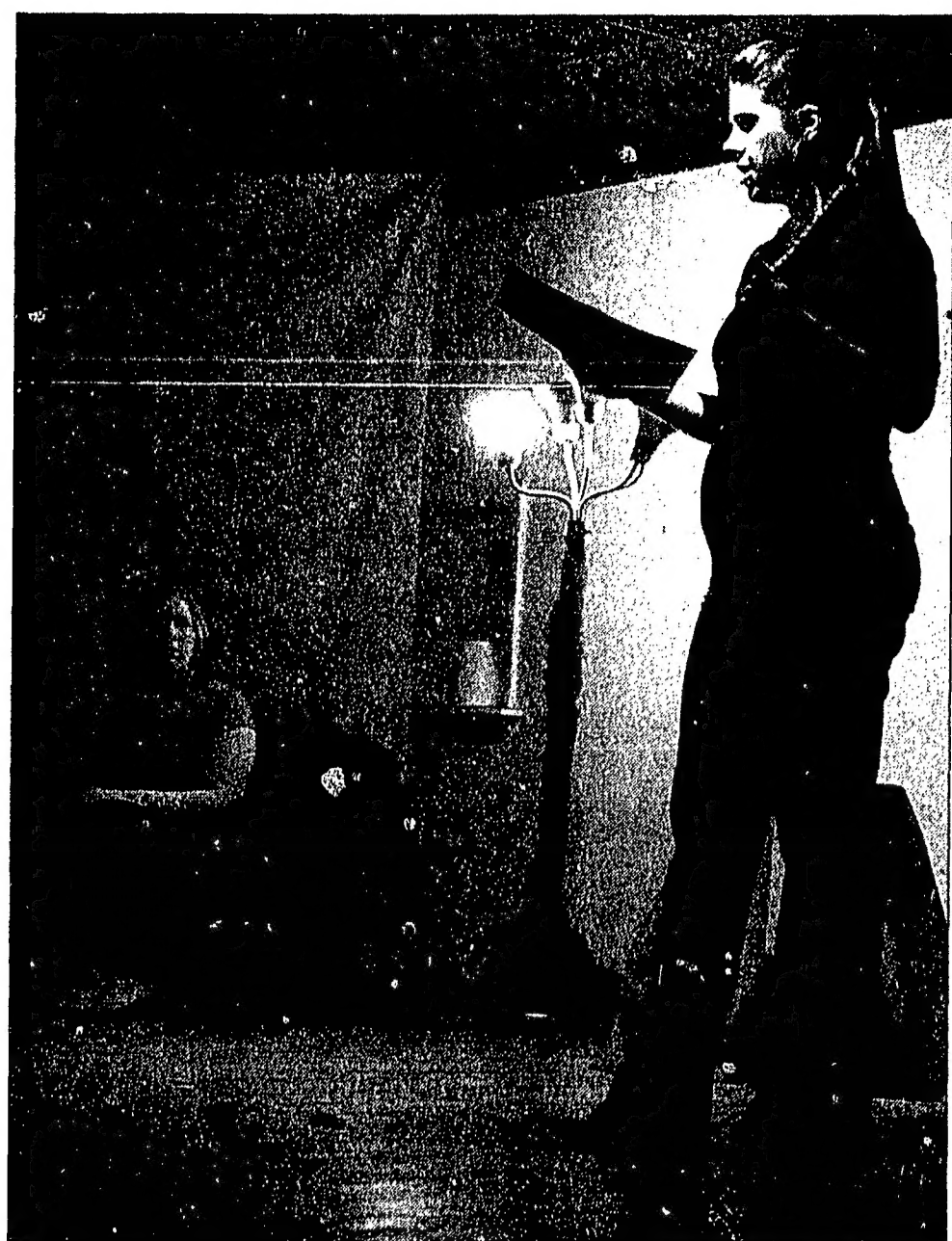


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JUNIOR CARA HOOD shares her story during the Vagina Monologues, an event put on by Amnesty International Saturday night at the Wesley Center. "I did it [Vagina Monologues] for the first time my freshman year, and I've just done it every year since. I really like the variety all of the monologues offer."

Deaf culture explored with new minor

By Andrea James
Chief Reporter

Students from all majors and backgrounds are gathering together to learn the basics of deaf culture.

New classes were offered last semester to teach deaf culture to students, language instructor Marcy Roush said. The classes can be taken either as a minor in deaf studies or for use as electives.

"Students can learn to understand deaf culture, values, communities, norms and things we are dealing with on a day-to-day basis as Americans," Roush said.

Deaf studies minor can also be tagged onto any major, she said.

"That is what is so unique about it. It can go into international business; it can be used in accounting, psychology and education majors," Roush said.

The new deaf studies minor has become increasingly popular both with students who want the minor and with students who want the elective credits, she said.

Northwest senior Lauren Suarez is majoring in psychology with a minor in deaf studies. During her first semester at Northwest, she attended a speech class that Roush taught.

"Marcy would sign the entire time during class. She would have to hold her hands together to keep her from signing," Suarez said.

She thought it would be fun to learn and she could help others.

"Having experience in deaf studies makes you more hireable. It puts you above others in that you are able to interact with others and have that skill," Suarez said.

Northwest senior, and biopsychology major, Rachel Smith is also taking sign language, even

though it isn't her minor. "I started taking the classes because it looked like fun and I never wanted to stop," Smith said.

There are currently 17 students who have declared a deaf studies minor, with another five or six students trying to decide, Roush said.

Northwest faculty has been writing curriculum changes to incorporate the deaf studies minor for the past three years.

In 2004, Missouri House Bill 530 was signed into law. The bill states that all American Sign Language classes at secondary and post secondary levels can be counted towards language credits.

"Because of the signing of the law, we started putting the wheels in motion a lot more seriously than we had previously anticipated," Roush said.

After the bill was signed, Northwest had to realign their program to be conducive to schools that are interpreting programs.

ASL is the language used by the deaf community, Roush said. It has its own grammar, syntax and word usage.

"Some people think learning ASL is easier because it is 'English.' But when they get into the class they learn that that is not necessarily true; it reads differently and it has different sentence structure," Roush said.

Roush tries to present the different dialects of sign language to her students; however, she likes to stick to ASL because that is what the deaf community uses.

"The benefits of this program are a positive self-worth and the knowledge of being multicultural," Roush said.



photo by lucas foran | photography editor

JANESSA SKIDMORE and Laura Moppin got ideas for wedding flower arrangements from Keltha Clapp on Sunday at the Bridal Show sponsored by the Sigma Society. Clapp's booth for Maryville Florist garnered much of the attention throughout the day.

Bridal show sparks ideas

By Lindsay Jacobs
Asst. Features Editor

The soft sounds of romantic music in the background and the occasional whiff of freshly cut flowers filled the air, indicating the Sigma Society Bridal Show was once again here.

Sunday, Feb. 18 marked the 34th annual show and carried the theme "Love is in the Air."

The show is usually held in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, but since this year it was booked the show was held in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom, said Jana Wessler, Sigma Society Bridal Show Chair.

There were 15 vendors on hand for future brides and other attendees to chat with and gain ideas from.

Usually around 20 vendors attend the event, but this year since it was held so close to Valentine's Day many didn't think they could prepare in time, said Junior Erin Jewell, Sigma Society member.

Planning for the event began in October 2006, Jewell said.

Shannon Bean, owner of Shannon Renee's Formal Wear and Accessories made her first appearance at a Bridal Show. In fact she has owned the business less than a month. The event was a great way to get her name out there, she said.

The Sigma Society Bridal Show is nothing new to the owner of Spectacular Settings Wedding and Event Decorating owner, Teresa Hayes. Hayes said she has decorated the event for the past five years.

"It's nice to know you're going to make their day (brides on their

wedding day) really special and memorable," Hayes said.

The event brought several future brides and their families out.

Laura Moppin, 25, of St. Joseph, heard about the event the day of from her future mother-in-law. She plans to get married June 23, and said the event was giving her a lot of ideas for her big day including a location for her bridal shower.

She was considering having the shower at Paradise Park, one of the vendors. It is a place where special events are held in Oregon, Mo.

Lindsay Carroll, 20, of Maryville, attended the event with her mother, Rhonda. The event was helpful to them because there were a variety of vendors and a lot of them she hadn't heard of, Carroll said. She plans on getting married in May 2008.

Shelly Ludwig of Alchison County in Kansas came to the bridal show to watch her daughter Rachel, Sigma Society member, model two wedding dresses and a bridesmaid dress. She also came last year to watch her daughter, Ludwig said.

Members of Sigma Society modeled several wedding and bridesmaid dresses from Kim's Bridal and Tailor, located in Lee's Summit, Mo. Three bridesmaids dresses were modeled from Shannon Renee's Formal Wear and Accessories.

Sponsors of the event included Paradise Park, Maryville Florists, Video Expressions, Hy-Vee, Total Wagtail Entertainment, Randall's Formal Wear, the Star Dusk and Def Jam disc jockey services and Scott Erickson Photography.

MARCHING BAND

Band heads to London

By Shane Sherwood
Missourian Reporter

Airing on over 500 television stations overseas, the 22nd Annual London Parade and Gala Concert Series spotlights the best bands around the world.

Next year the Bearcat Marching Band, the Wind Symphony and the Jazz Ensemble will perform at the annual invitational event.

The marching band will perform in the parade, while the wind symphony will perform in a gala concert and the jazz ensemble will perform in a London pub.

Costing \$2,000 per person, the trip to London for performance takes place on Jan. 1, 2008. The parade is said to have over 1 million people watching the event live, with millions more watching the event on international television.

Assistant professor and bands Director Karl Kling has accepted invitations for the Bearcat Marching Band, the Jazz Ensemble and the Northwest Symphony to perform in this annual invitation-only event.

Urging invitation to the University's bands, Terry Rush, instrumental music director from Lincoln High School in Nebraska, and Paula Crider, emeritus director of bands at the University of Texas-Austin, both recommended the bands.

"It is very gratifying to realize we have peers who respect our work enough to submit our name to do something on an international scale," Kling said.

Leaving Dec. 28, 2007, and returning in the new year on Jan. 4, 2008, about 120 students will participate in the event. Preparing for the event will include fund raising for the cost to go to London.

Kling said each student must come up with their own finances to participate, but the fund raising will ease the cost depending on the amount of money raised.

Other preparations are with help from University alumni. Kling said the Fall Street Show will bring in some money for the band. Preparing for the event also includes numerous practices and playing at regular football games.

COMMUNITY

Ceremony honors WWII veteran

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

The Nodaway County Commissioners office had a few extra visitors on Feb. 20 as people gathered to witness the presentation of medals to the family of Ormond Mitchell for his military accomplishments during WWII.

Mitchell served as a Marine pilot from 1942 to 1946, flying dive-bombers in the South Pacific, said his son Steve Mitchell.

Mitchell received recognition in the form of a World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars and the Honorable Service Lapel Pin.

"I think it just means a lot to the community as a whole and to the nation. Somebody who served their time earned some medals...their family can look back on it," said North District Commissioner Bob Westfall.

Ormond's son, Steve, accepted the medal for him with many family members looking on. He then placed on display a series of medals collected by his uncles as well.

"I just want my dad and his brothers recognized," Steve said.

Rep. Sam Graves was on hand to present the medals, a task he said, means a lot to him.

"We've got a lot of people out here who were very brave and gave their time and their youths and in some cases their lives for this country," Graves said.

People not receiving medals or losing track of medals is a problem for some, Graves said. He encourages people to contact his office if they would like to know about medals that were never received.

"What happens most of the time is a lot of these individuals are so humble they got out of the service and they just weren't interested in getting medals," Graves said.

The Mitchell family will donate the medals of all the Mitchell brothers to the Nodaway County Historical Society and Museum. Though he was the one receiving the medals, Steve insisted that the day belong to his father and uncles.

"It's not my day," Steve said. "It's the boys' day."

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Thompson spends time as mayor, counselor

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

Some would pass him on the streets and think nothing of it. People could see him at a convention and not know the story that lies behind the man.

Vietnam veteran, commercial fishing captain, recovered alcoholic, father of twins and Mayor of Maryville, all define his past.

Mike Thompson grew up in Maryville and has always considered it home, but from 1967 to 1987, he left his home to pursue exotic lands and sometimes rough seas.

In 1967, at age 18, Thompson joined the Navy, serving two tours in Vietnam, but after serving four years in the navy, was lost, he said.

"The Vietnam vets, when we came

home, we didn't get a lot of ceremonies," Thompson said. "...After Vietnam I didn't have a lot of purpose in my life."

Thompson then decided to take a friend of his up on an offer to join him as a commercial fisherman; a profession that Thompson said suited him at the time.

"I never was afraid of hard work, and I really like being out on the ocean," Thompson said. "When you enter the boat, and you head to the ocean, all your land problems just stay there."

His adventures in fishing eventually took him to the Pacific Northwest where he became captain of his own boat, Thompson said.

But a life in fishing had its ups and downs.

"The north pacific fisherman has the highest death rate per capita of any job...probably in the world. There's a lot

of my friends that aren't here anymore, that drowned," Thompson said.

During his time as a fisherman, Thompson became the father of two...at the same time. His paternal twins, Dylan and Reggie, were 1-year-old when he decided it was time for a change.

Fighting alcoholism and the strain of spending so much time away from his kids, Thompson decided it was time to come home.

"It was home...I was born and raised in Maryville," Thompson said. "It's also a great place to raise kids."

At 38, he entered college at Northwest and graduated four years later with a degree in psychology and a minor in criminal justice, Thompson said. He also met his wife, Vicki.

After getting his masters at the University of Missouri, Thompson began

his new life as a counselor. Now, he gets to help people with addiction problems much like his own.

In 2001, Thompson became mayor of Maryville, an office he's held for the last three years.

"He's been instrumental in increasing communication between the city and our federal and state legislatures," Councilman Chad Jackson said.

Thompson still enjoys fishing, though on a much lower scale, he said. He and his wife also spend time watching Bearcat football together, rarely missing a game.

With the drastic change of lifestyle, does Thompson have any regrets?

"I enjoyed my life on the ocean," Thompson said. "And it was time for me to get off the ocean because I enjoy being a parent and loving my kids more."

COMMUNITYBRIEFS

St. Francis makes \$2,000 donation to relief fund

A \$2,000 donation has been made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund for the displaced victims of the Carson Apartments fire by St. Francis Hospital and Health Services.

The money is intended to help replace such items as coats, shoes, clothing, food, beds, medications and first month's rent for new homes.

To date, the Red Cross has raised \$11,652 for the final budgeted relief costs.

Local AAUW branch offers relaxation techniques

Relaxation techniques will be presented during the Maryville branch of the American Association of University Women meeting, p.m., Thursday, March 8, in the Maryville Community Center's north meeting room.

Members will learn and practice two forms of relaxation techniques. William Waters, a Tai Chi instructor at the Maryville Community Center, will introduce the low-stress exercise. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome and is encouraged to wear comfortable clothing. The AAUW promotes equity for women and girls and positive societal change.

Any woman who holds an associate degree or higher or is a university student is eligible for membership. For more information call Karla Rusco at 582-7567.

Economic development executive director spot vacant

The executive director of Nodaway County Economic Development, Sean Burge, has left his post for personal reasons, leaving their board to fill the vacancy.

The board is searching for Burge's replacement, but for now, Lisa Macali, a current employee of NCED, will act as interim executive director.

Burge held the job since September.

Century Farms program seeks more applicants

The Missouri Century Farm program is currently searching for farms in Missouri that have been owned by the same family for at least 100 years.

In 2006, 187 new family farms joined the program with almost 4,000 families joining since the programs inception in 1986. For more information contact the Nodaway County Extension Center at 582-8101.

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Judy Shepard

Judy Shepard is the mother of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old college student who was brutally murdered due to anti-gay violence.

She is speaking to audiences about what they can do to make their schools and communities safer for everyone; regardless of their race, sex, religion, or sexual orientation.

Come See Judy Shepard at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 27th at the Charles Johnson Theater

—OURVIEW

Wal-Mart ought to be applauded for discount drug plan

Life used to be a trade-off for some Maryville residents. Sometimes life is a matter of heating a home or buying prescription drugs.

Sometimes senior citizens and lower-income residents have to decide whether they want to fill their stomachs or their prescriptions.

In response to this, Wal-Mart, at the end of last year, began offering 30-day supplies of more than 300 drugs for \$4 a piece—an offer we think ought to be commended.

"Each day in our pharmacies we see customers struggle with the cost of prescription drugs," Wal-Mart CEO H. Lee Scott, Jr., said in a press release. "By cutting the cost of many generics to \$4, we are helping to ensure that our customers and associates get the medicines they need at a price they can afford. That's a real solution for our nation's working families."

Senior citizens who have found themselves in the "doughnut hole" coverage gap in their Medicare Part D drug plans will be helped tremendously because many of them now foot 100 percent of their prescription medicine costs.

College students on tight budgets are also going to be helped by this tremendously. An editor on staff went to fill her prescriptions earlier this week and put an extra \$20 in her account to cover the cost and was shocked when the two refill cost less than \$5. Over the course of a year, Wal-Mart's drug plan will save our editor \$180—money she can use toward school or basic necessities.

In a country where legislators refuse to make health insurance available to all, this is a step in the right direction in at least making some prescriptions available to everyone.

Some opposed to the action point out that while Wal-Mart claims over 300 drugs are on the discounted list, in reality only 124 drugs are available in multiple doses and strengths. While this may be the case, those are still 124 drugs that were previously potentially unattainable for some residents.

No human being should have to choose between basic necessities and prescription drugs. We think it's great that a person can now eat, heat their home and afford prescription refills.

It's about time.

—LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to 2/8/07 column—
"Student Senate Budget Needs to be Allocated Better"

Student Senate exists to promote the interests of the student body at Northwest, and to assist us in this goal, the University provides funds for the Senate through the grant of an annual budget.

In turn, the University receives funding from the state and as such, Senate funds are considered to be, at least in part, state funds.

This is important to note because state law disallows the giving of charitable donations from state funds; however, at times the Student Senate has wished to donate funds to worthy causes, such as the Red Cross's fire victims fund.

In order to do so, Student Senate created a separate fund, the fundraising account, from which to donate funds. This account is separate from the regular Senate budget and is funded not by University sources, but through the fundraising efforts of senators.

Donations to the United Way, the Red Cross, and other charitable organizations are funded from this account. Following our donation to the Red Cross, the balance of this account stood slightly above \$100.

Allocations to student organizations for conferences, competitions, and events are made through the larger Senate budget.

Since many organizations seek

funding through Senate, we have developed a series of guidelines to help us equitably distribute these funds. One guideline states that "Generally, allocations shall not exceed \$1,000" and the following guidelines states that "Student Senate Allocations are supplemental funds and generally shall not exceed 50 percent of total cost of the event."

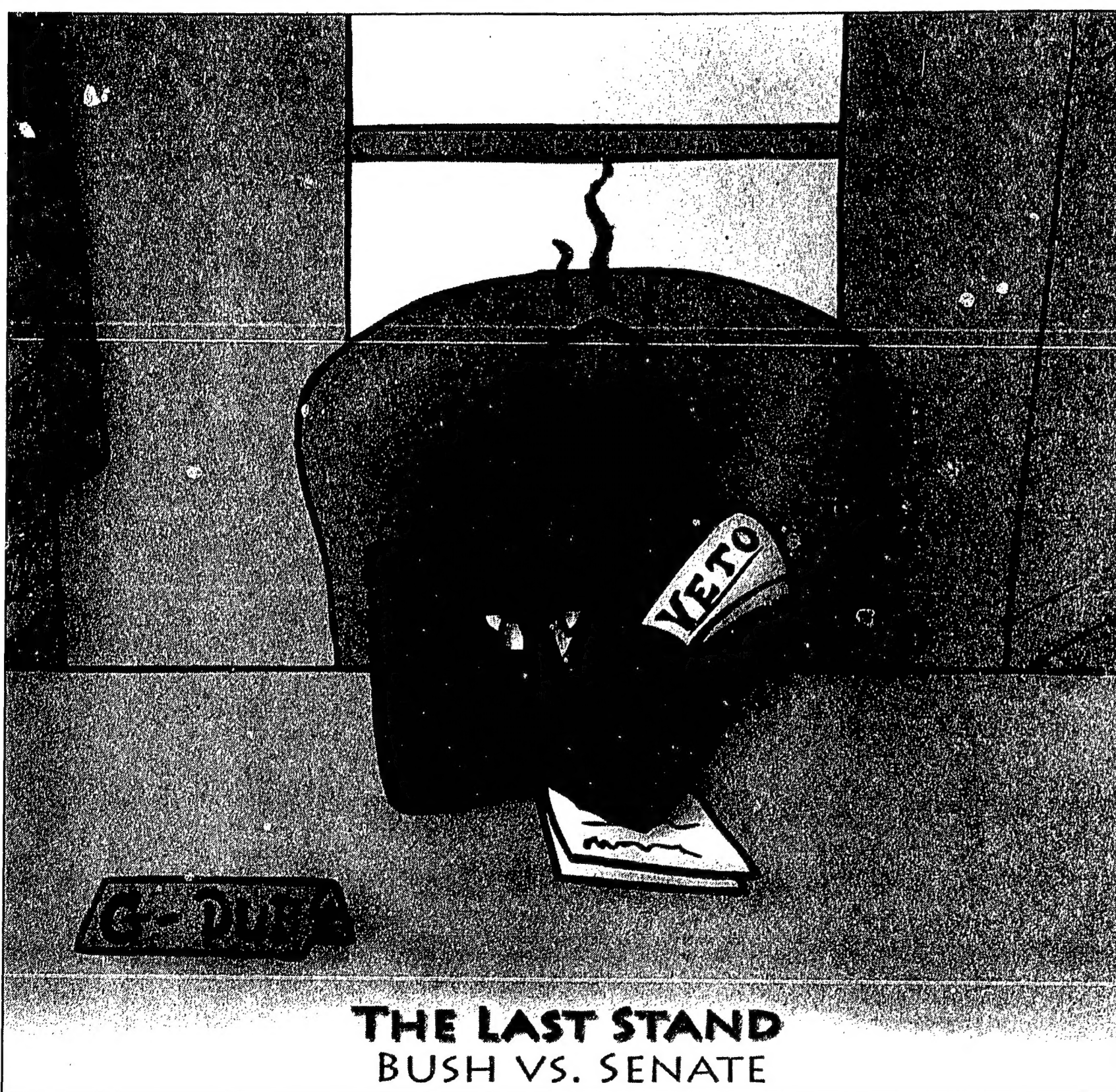
These guidelines were designed to accommodate larger requests in extreme cases, while also providing an equitable base from which to allocate funds.

In evaluating funding requests, the Organizational Affairs Committee and Student Senate consider the number of members participating in the event, the benefit to Northwest and previous fundraising attempts by the organization, as well as any other pertinent factors.

Questions or concerns regarding the allocation process may be referred to the Organizational Affairs Committee chairwoman, Abby Freeman, while budgetary issues should be referred to Senate treasurer, Adam Watson.

Students may contact the Student Senate by e-mail, senate@nwmissouri.edu, or phone, ext. 1218, or may stop by the Student Senate Office located in the Campus Activities Office in the Student Union.

Sara Chamberlain
Student Senate President



—COLUMN

University should cancel classes because of nice weather as well

"Get me out of here."

This has pretty much been my mind-set so far this week, as I sit wasting away in class and in the Missouriian newsroom.

Well, maybe "wasting away" is too harsh of an expression.

It's just that I'm a tad restless, thanks mostly to Mother Nature's recent injection of mild weather into our community. I believe the correct phrase is "cabin fever," and you know, mine is about ready to break.

You're probably thinking, "Great. Here he goes again with another weather column. Didn't he just write one a few months ago? Why didn't he write about the recent antics of Britney 'G.I. Jane' Spears?"

First of all, yes, I did write a column on Maryville's unpredictable weather last year. Second of all, I can barely stand to read other columns about the so-called "pop



Evan Young
Copy Editor

princess," let alone write one of my own. So, weather it is. Case closed.

Looks like we're finally going to be pulled out of the below-freezing depths and pushed into a realm of seasonable temperatures, at least for a few days, according to Weather.com.

I seriously cannot believe that last week, "outside" was the last place I wanted to be. Now, it's the only place I want to be. I suppose fickle weather helps create fickle people.

There was an outcry last week when the University didn't cancel class because of the winter storm. I imagine there's an even stronger, though perhaps subtler, outrage this week that we have school, because of the nice weather. Suddenly, everyone's cabin fever has lifted, but we have no way of justifying it.

These spring-like temperatures just had to come during midweek, translated as "seven days

of obligatory academic hell." And, just our luck, as the temperature increases, so does the amount of coursework.

So far, I've been forced to drag myself out of bed and into the snow, ice and Mach 3 winds, only to arrive to class and sit through mind-numbing lectures. That's all fine and dandy, I can live with it.

But now that I will have the ability to go outside and experience the sheer heavenliness that is my favorite season, exams, papers, reading assignments and other time-consuming busywork quickly silence my efforts.

Then there is the Missouriian. Now, don't get me wrong. I love my job a lot. But when I enter the Wells Hall basement for work in broad daylight, then leave when it's pitch black outside and realize just how long I've worked, I feel like I've somehow missed out on part of my life.

I know it sounds like I'm complaining, and the truth is, I am. So what? We're Americans, that's one of the things we do best! But with my grievances comes the perfect suggestion.

I think the University should offer "mild days" or "spring days." They'd be just like snow days, only they'd be given on account of good weather, preferably on good days that follow a long bout of miserable weather.

Since Northwest doesn't seem to want to cancel class when it's really terrible outside, how about doing the exact opposite?

No, there wouldn't be much notice, but aren't most snow days declared without much notice? Plus, I'm sure we'd all appreciate the pleasant surprise.

And I wouldn't even mind going to school for an extra few days to make up for any lost time. Our spring trimester certainly ends early enough to allow for some wiggle room.

Let's face it, Maryville winters are painful enough to warrant a justifiable jubilation when they finally come to an end.

There's no reason why, when Mother Nature gives us a break from the cold weather every year, we shouldn't take advantage of it. I think it would make for a pleasant seasonal transition, physically and mentally.

Case closed!

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 9
■ Clearmont subject reported phone harassment

Jan. 26
■ Perry Duncan, 44, Watson, DWI

■ Teresa Wiley, 41, Maryville, forgery

Jan. 27
■ Conception subject reported theft from residence

Jan. 28
Elmo subject reported theft

Jan. 31
■ Sara Carter, 21, Pickering, arrested for passing bad checks

■ Hopkins subject reported trespassing on land in Hopkins

Feb. 1
■ Maryville subject reported a theft from a farm near Pickering

Feb. 2
■ Windy Taube, 31, Kansas City, arrested for non-support

Feb. 3
■ Ravenwood subject reported stolen checks from his residence

Feb. 5
■ Burlington Jct. subject reported a trespass complaint

Feb. 6
■ Sheridan subject reported theft from farm near Sheridan

■ Hopkins subject reported theft of an ATV

■ Garry Patterson, 45, Crosby, arrested for non-support

Feb. 10
■ Tarkio subject reported a vehicle fire in Burlington Jct.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 8
■ Jacob P. Rocky, 19, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance; Jay M. Lamontagne, 19, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, 100 block W. Sixth

Feb. 10
■ Jason P. Gute, 19, Maryville, MIP, resisting/interfering with arrest, 700 block E. First

■ Michael S. Mora, 22, Maryville, DWI, careless and imprudent driving, 400 block W. Sixth

■ Derek G. Garrett, 23, Maryville, DWI, equipment violation, 400 block W. 11th

■ Adam W. Wermanger, 19, Caledonia, Minn., MIP, 200 block W. Third

Feb. 11
■ Towed vehicle, 1991 white Geo Storm, 300 block W. Seventh

■ Jonathan D. Graham, 22, Norfolk, Neb., possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 1100 block W. Fourth

■ Towed vehicle, white 2007 Avalor, 600 block W. Torrance

Feb. 12
■ Austin J. Ballou, 19, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 1600 block S. Main

Recovered property, Kansas Drivers License, 400 block N. Buchanan

Feb. 14
■ Towed vehicle, 1994 Purple Saturn, 100 block W. Torrance

■ Larceny, ongoing investigation, 600 block N. Main

Feb. 15
■ Leaving the scene of an accident, ongoing investigation, 1200 block N. Dewey

Feb. 16
■ Michael R. Moran, 21, DWI, failure to display lighted head lamps, 200 block N. Buchanan

■ Dakota C. Dreher, 18, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

■ Larceny/stealing, coin dispenser and cash, 700 block S. Main

Feb. 17
■ Codi D. Nuckolls, 29, Maryville, DWI, equipment violation, failure to yield to emergency vehicle, 300 block N. Market

■ Nathan G. Bush, 20, Maryville, MIP, 400 block N. Buchanan

Feb. 18
■ Patrick R. VanGundy, 37, Maryville, DWI, failure to stop at posted stop sign, 400 block S. Frederick

■ James E. Gentry, 21, Maryville, DWI, failure to maintain right half of roadway, 600 block W. Fourth

Feb. 19
■ Stephanie N. Mercer, 17, Maryville, possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, 500 block W. South Avenue

■ An unknown driver struck a parked car owned by Dana H. Billings, Maryville, in the 1100 block Main.

OBITUARIES
Derril Wayne Ross, 80, Maryville, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at his home.

He was born Dec. 7, 1926 in Maryville, the son of David and Mary Alice (Pike) Ross. On June 24, 1945 he married Mary Alice Carmichael.

Derril served in the Missouri National Guard and retired from Nodaway Worth Electric in 1987 after 20 years service.

A member of the First Baptist Church, he was a past member of the James Edward Gray American Legion Post 100 and the Elks

Jan. 22
■ Jonathan D. Whipple, 25, Pickering, Mo., and Cindy S. Nelson, 35, Maryville, collided at South Avenue and Depot

Feb. 8
■ Irene Rodrick, 68, Maryville, and Amy M. Weldon, Maryville, collided in the Maryville Meadows parking lot.

Feb. 10
■ Holly L. Smiley, 32, Maryville, and Edward T. Strade III, 28, Maryville, collided at South Avenue and Walnut. Smiley was cited with failure to yield right of way from a stop sign.

Feb. 12
■ Tara D. Kramer, 33, Guilford, Mo., and Emily A. Garland, 22, Maryville, collided at 1200 S. Main

■ Casey C. Farrens, 25, Maryville, and Nicholas G. Pfeiffer, 20, Maryville, collided at Fourth and Main

Feb. 13
■ Brooke N. Simons, 21, Maryville, and Thomas R. Whalen, Bellevue, Neb., collided at 600 block E. First

Feb. 14
■ Erin M. Miller, 18, Maryville, and Jennifer L. Martin, 20, Maryville, collided at Seventh and Buchanan. Martin was cited with failure to yield.

Feb. 16
■ Tiffany K. Bradford, 20, Maryville, and Melissa A. Privett, 33, Maryville, collided at College Avenue and Munn. Bradford was cited with careless and imprudent driving.

■ Kristin L. Almond, 21, Maryville, and Trisha M. Deen, 18, Maryville, collided at Edwards and Vine. Almond was cited for failure to yield from a stop sign.

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Lodge, Maryville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter: Staci Renee Ross; great-grandson: Noah Tolbert and three brothers: an infant, Leo and Eldon Ross; five sisters: Neva Damewood, Ruby Keith, Mildred Mires, Bessie Ulmer and Jessie Miller.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Alice Ross, of their home; sons, Gary W. St. Joseph, Mo.; Terry L. Maryville, Mike L. St. Joseph, David L. Savannah and Eric E. Maryville; daughter: Tina Deen, Maryville; 11 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were Saturday, Feb. 17 at the First Baptist Church, Maryville.

Burial is in Miriam, Cemetery, Maryville.

Memorials may be made to the Mid-America Heart Institute, c/o St. Luke's Hospital, 4401 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Mo., 64111.

Grace Pierpoint, 100, of Maryville, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007 at Village Care Center, Maryville.

Grace was born Nov. 28, 1906, the daughter of Walter James and Stella Mae (Summer) Hayden, in Nodaway, Mo. She married Lester Albert Pierpoint Sept. 26, 1928 in St. Joseph.

A homemaker, Grace was a member of the First Christian Church, Maryville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Pierpoint on Oct. 29, 1990; her parents; brothers: Charles and Curtis Hayden; sisters: Velma McGinness, Maysel Garrett, Ruth Rickman, Lucille Leeson and Elizabeth Dowden.

Survivors include her children: Burdette Pierpoint, Maryville; Kirby Pierpoint, Rock Port and Judy Ebert, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters: Ruby Ballenger and Betty Holbrook, both of Maryville.

Visitation was 7 to 8 p.m. Wed., Feb. 21 at Price Funeral Home

BIRTHANNOUNCEMENTS
Augustus Allen McCollough, Chad and Monica McCollough, Maryville, are the parents of Augustus Allen McCollough, born Feb.

with Funeral Services at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, at Price Funeral Home, Maryville.

Burial will be in Nodaway Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Maryville.

Norma Lee Wolfe, 81, Oregon, Mo., (formerly of Graham, Mo.), died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007 at Heartland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, Mo.

Norma was born Jan. 28, 1926 in Mound City, Mo., the daughter of Carl and Jennie (Guthrie) Owens. On Sept. 19, 1946 she married Francis LaVerne Wolfe in Troy, Kan.

A member of the Graham United Methodist Church, Norma was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a sister, Doris Ousley.

Survivors include her son: Rex Wolfe, Bolckow, Mo.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were Monday, Feb. 19 at Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville.

Burial is in Benton Cemetery, Mound City.

Memorials may be made to the Oregon Care Center, 501 South Monroe, Oregon, Mo., 64473 in Mrs. Wolfe's name.

Grandparents are Marlin and Janice Meyer, Ravenwood, Mo., and Larry and Debbie Busby, Parnell.

Great-grandparents are Audrey Ditmore, Ravenwood, and John and Catherine Busby, Parnell.

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WARCRAFT: Alternate reality comes with a price

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sociology and counseling department.

In the past few years, several fatal cases have been reported worldwide due to the game's addicting factors.

In China, a player committed herself to a three-day, nonstop session of "World of Warcraft" to prepare for a final battle. Unfortunately, she died from exhaustion.

An online funeral was held for her but was quickly overshadowed by another player dying from exhaustion, according to Chinaview.cn, China's national news Web site.

Also, parents of a 13-year-old boy are currently fighting a lawsuit battle against Blizzard, the game's maker, for allegedly causing their son's suicide. The boy leaped to his death from a 24-story building after he tried to reenact a scene from the game, his parents claimed.

"Anything monopolizing a significant amount of time is something to be concerned about. Games that have elements of violence tend to translate from the screen to someone's life," said Virginia Murr, director of wellness and assistant director of health services at the University Health Center.

Because the brain is not fully developed until the age of 24, games that have elements of violence can create an impulsive behavior reaction to brain stimuli resulting in violent or aggressive behavior in children and young adults, according to Murr.

"Researchers debate if (aggression) lies in the person or the stimuli that are addictive, but the link between TV violence and character violence is affected negatively. However, computer games are

in such a new arena, prevention remains unseen," Edwards said.

Many countries have created rehabilitation centers strictly devoted to overcoming addiction to "World of Warcraft" and other video and computer games.

For example, the Smith and Jones Wild Horses Center in Amsterdam was the first treatment center focused on gaming. Patients go through a detox where the gamer

must quit any type of video or computer game completely with the help of group therapy, psychologists and psychiatrists.

Often times, patients must also quit the stimulants that keep them alert to play the game such as coffee, Red Bull or soft drugs.

"The treatment is centered on admitting power over addiction because gaming can be catastrophic if a person doesn't self-regulate," Murr said.

Despite the addicting factors, sitting slouched, staring at a computer screen for consecutive hours or days can also have serious health effects on the body.

Long-term gaming can contribute to hand arthritis or carpal tunnel syndrome, stiff neck, severe back pain, sleep disturbances and obesity.

"Gaming needs more and more attention from researchers as it's becoming a sign of addiction and a problem for the body physically," Murr said.

As a level 70, Bollin has limited his game play to one to two hours a day. But he still gathers his allies to defeat his enemies and sharpen his guild's skills every night at 7 p.m.

"It may be really addictive to some people, but it really feels like you're accomplishing something," Bollin said. "I just play 'Warcraft' like it's everything which really means nothing."

MEDICINE: 331 discounted generic medications now available

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The \$4 generic drug program started in September 2006 in Tampa, Fla., Wal-Mart spokeswoman Marisa Bluestone said.

The program caused an increase in customer demand and Wal-Mart spread it to all 3,810 Wal-Mart pharmacies before their intended date, according to Walmart.com. It was brought to Missouri on Oct. 26, 2006.

"It is part of an ongoing commitment to make health care more affordable for those in need," Bluestone said.

Wal-Mart welcomes the competition that this program will bring.

Bluestone said.

The people who started and initiated it are proud of their program.

"There is no catch or forms to fill out. Just give us your prescription and it will only cost you \$4," Bluestone said.

There are 331 generic drugs on this list; the list is broken into categories such as diabetes, colds and arthritis medication, she said. Wal-Mart is working on ways to incorporate other medications into their program.

For more information and a list on which generic drugs apply to the program, go to Walmart.com or the Maryville Wal-Mart.



WAL-MART'S \$4 generic drug program attempts to make medication more affordable. It is offered in all 3,810 Wal-Mart pharmacies in the United States and covers 331 generic medications.

St. Gregory's holds a Jazzin' Jubilee

By Jared Bailey
Missourian Reporter

New Orleans had Mardi Gras... but so did Maryville.

St. Gregory's Barbarigo Parish hosted the Jazzin' Jubilee for over 300 citizens of the city, Feb. 17.

The Mardi Gras-themed party took place in the Catholic School's gymnasium and was part of the annual Parish Celebration, the church's only event that is designated just for adults. The gymnasium was transformed into a ballroom, complete with chandelier and candle-lit tables. Guests had a meal made up of Cajun and Creole cuisine and danced to music provided by the Northwest Jazz Ensemble.

After dessert, the audience watched as the Jazzin' Jubilee parade made its way through the tables. Parade members wore beaded necklaces, and green, purple and gold masks as they handed out candy to everyone.

"Every year I look forward to the creative theme that our outstanding volunteers come up with," audience member Cris Jacobson said. "This year, they outdid themselves."

The party was designated for adults, but was not limited to Catholics. Over the years, the parish celebration has turned into a community event, planning committee member,

Diane Sudhoff, said.

Ten percent of the proceeds from the event were used for donations to victims of Hurricane Katrina living in Eunice, La., Maryville's sister city. The rest of the money earned would go to the parish's budget.

The \$25 tickets treated guests to more than the food, ensemble and parade. The night also included a performance by Sharp Five, a jazz group.

"We never played a Mardi Gras," Sharp Five member, Joe Sisco said. "But I'm glad we did. It is easier to play at a higher level when everyone is digging what you do."

Further entertainment was added by a dance routine involving men dressed in homemade alligator costumes.

The theme for the parish celebration was picked in October and every year it has been different. Last year the celebration was called the Heavenly Hop, a 50s nostalgia party, and the year before that it was the Lordy Luau.

The theme for the next celebration has yet to be decided.

"Somebody always asks 'What are you doing next year?'" said Sue Dorrel, stewardship director and business manager for the parish. "It is kind of like having a baby. You say you don't want to do it again, right now."

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—MHS WRESTLING FEATURE

All in the family

By Scott Levine
Asst. Sports Editor

Sweat seeps into the mats as it pours off the two wrestlers' foreheads. As bodies smash onto the surface, there is something noticeably different about these mats.

These mats are not found in a school and their surface absorbs much fewer bodies in the winter than ordinary mats. The hard-hitting surfaces endure less body slams because they reside in a Maryville basement.

That basement is part of a home belonging to Dave and Jean Merrill, and they've witnessed two state qualifiers grapple tirelessly on these household fixtures over the past year.

Dakota and Dannen Merrill recently participated in their first state wrestling tournament in Columbia. Dannen and Dakota were two of three Maryville wrestlers to survive the tournament's first day, as Dannen placed fifth.

"We used to just clear things out when we wanted to wrestle," Dakota said, laughing.

The Merrills installed their makeshift wrestling room this past summer and it has helped decline the amount of items broken in the basement.

"Oh, we broke a dining room table, numerous lamps and some mirrors," Dakota said.

But this came as no surprise to Jean.

"You don't raise a household of boys without something breaking," Jean

said.

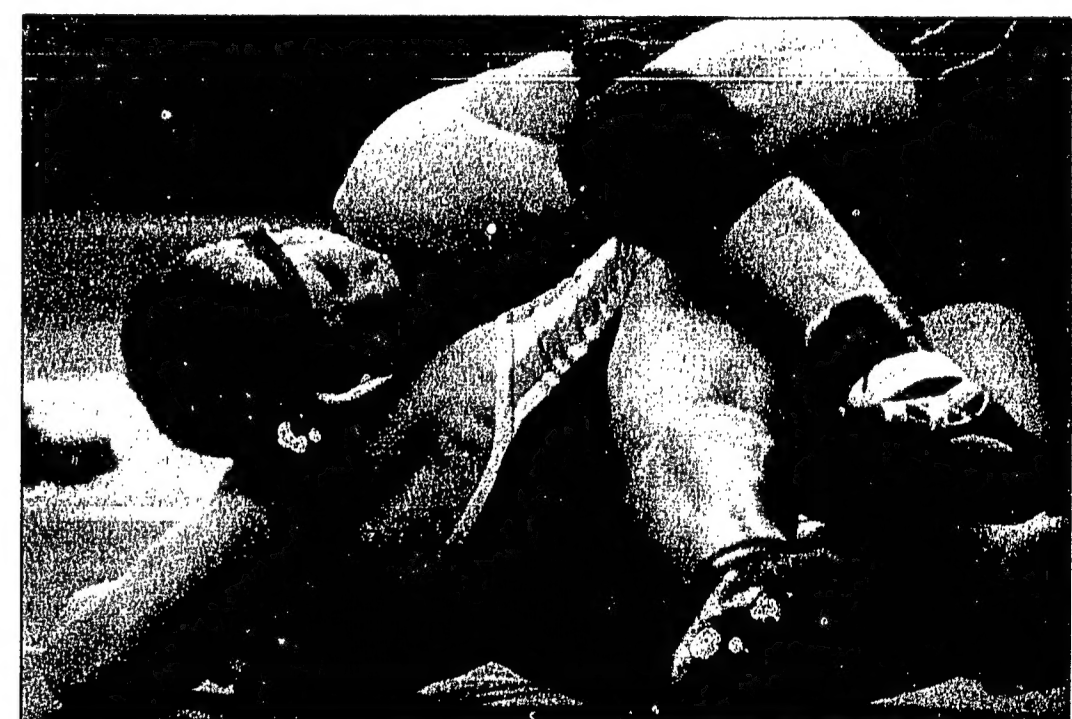
But this wrestling bug didn't start with Dakota and Dannen. The Merrills have left a lasting impression on Maryville's wrestling community.

Oldest brother David started the wrestling fever when he decided to join the team his sophomore year. During that same year, D.J. began wrestling for his eighth grade team.

"My first memory of wrestling would be watching dual matches of my brothers when I was younger," Dannen said.

These matches helped both boys learn more about wrestling.

"We would spend all day at tournaments and really learn more by watching



DAKOTA MERRILL grapples with a wrestler during the state wrestling tournament in Columbia. Merrill was one of three Spoofhound wrestlers to make it out of the first day. Merrill joined brother Dannen, who placed fifth, at the tournament.

see FAMILY on B4

—MHS BASKETBALL



MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND senior Jaclyn Guess scores as she jumps higher than a Cameron Dragon defender in Tuesday night's game held at the Maryville High School. Guess won the game at the last possible second by shooting from half court. The 'Hounds defeated the Dragons 43-42.

'Hounds escape Dragons

By Ashley Lovely
Missourian Reporter

As if the Maryville girls basketball senior night was not emotional enough, a battle for the victory lasting down to the game's very last seconds left the crowd and players speechless.

The 'Hounds defeated the Cameron Dragons 43-42 after leaving for halftime down by one. Maryville came out of the locker room ready to play and get a win for those five senior players junior Leah Wilmes said.

"These girls have been great leaders on and off the court," Wilmes said. "They didn't just tell us how to play basketball, they showed us through the talent they have."

During the second quarter, the game remained within three points, with both teams fighting back and forth for control of the ball. After numerous steals and fouls, Wilmes said that no one knew who was about to win.

With the help of freshman Meridee Scott, who had the game high of 13 points, Maryville took a dominating lead in the third quarter.

"We don't stay fresh for very long, we needed to mix it up a bit," head coach Grant Hageman said. "Scott's a good player and has really come along this year, she did a great job."

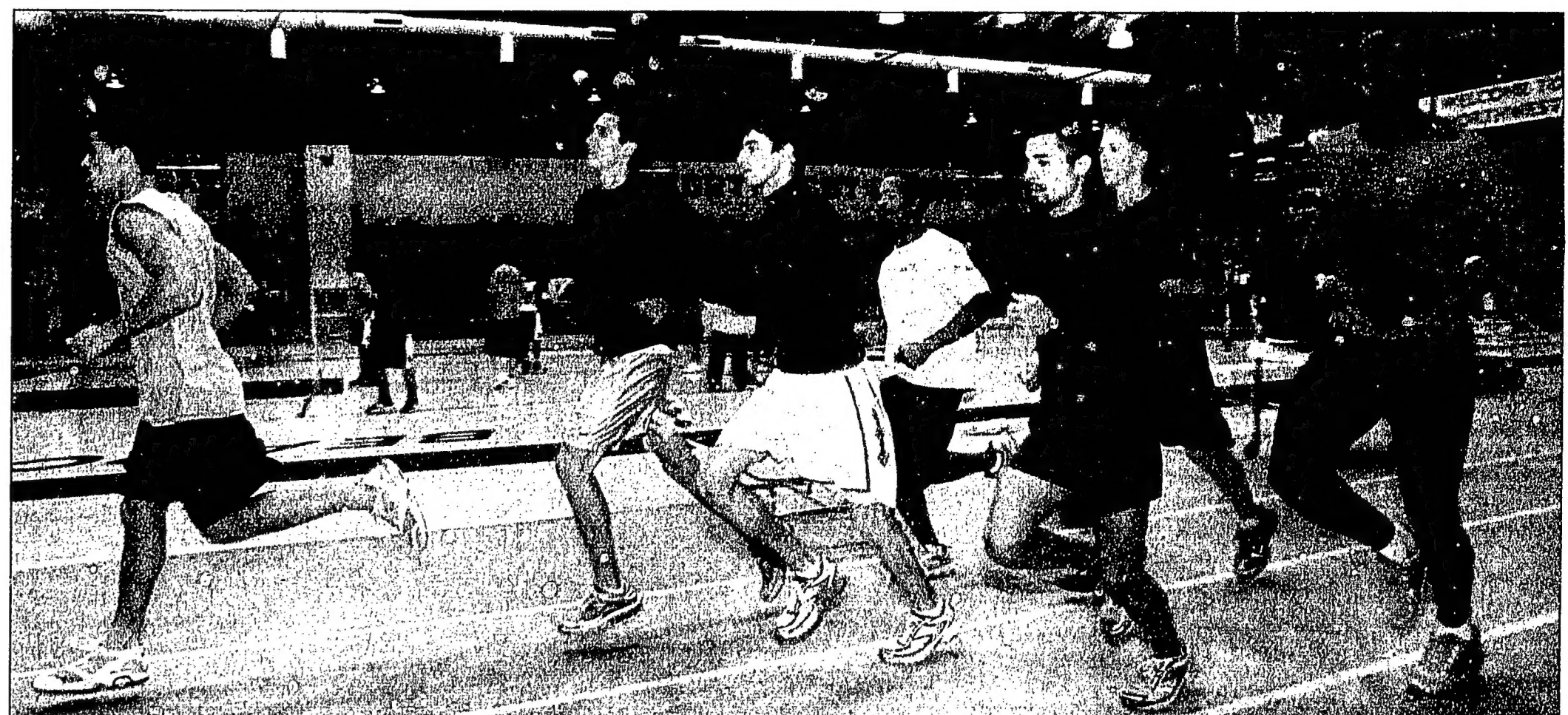
Hageman said he could not have asked for a better way to end senior night, with two wins in a row and the final shot made by senior pest player Jaclyn Guess.

"It's a real special way to end the season. We're on a roll now going into Districts," Hageman said.

The 'Hounds will see if they can continue their winning ways during district, Feb. 26.

—NW TRACK

Striding toward Central



Men's, women's track teams compete in MIAA championships

By Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

Men's track and field head coach Richard Alsop is hoping momentum created by the men's team at the Prairie Wolf Invitational will last.

Preferably, through the MIAA Championships that begin on Friday.

Both Northwest track and field teams head back to Warrensburg, Mo., for the MIAA Indoor Track and

Field Championships. The event will last through Saturday at the UCM Multipurpose Building.

Part of that momentum was sparked from senior high jumper Bayo Adio, who surpassed the indoor school record with a 6-11 3/4 mark Feb. 16, at the Prairie wolf Invitational. The 6-11 mark he passed was the oldest standing field event record among current school records.

"I'm awfully happy for him," Alsop said. "You have to be happy

for him. He's such a good person and puts in so much, and he's such a team person. He spreads a lot of goodwill on the team."

Senior middle distance runner Eric Isley generated more momentum, being named the MIAA Track Athlete of the Week on Feb. 19. He lowered his provisional qualifying mark in the 800-meter run to 1:51.67, finishing third.

"I think Eric didn't even know how fast he could run last week, because he wasn't even hardly breathing hard when he finished," Alsop said. "I think it just surprised him. He's getting in shape, he ran fluid, he didn't tighten up, and he

see TRACK on B2



photo by Mike Day Photography Editor

—MHS WRESTLING

'Hounds end season with two on medal stand

By Sam Robinson
Chief Reporter

With a starting lineup featuring just one senior and several freshmen in key roles, the Maryville high school wrestling team's season could have been dubbed a rebuilding year from the outset.

But with seven state qualifiers, three of them freshmen, this version of the Spoofhounds surpassed expectations.

The medal stand in Columbia made room for two of the seven 'Hounds Saturday afternoon as senior Cliff Robertson and freshman Dannen Merrill attained All-State honors.

Coach Joe Drake said the wrestlers were elated to be a part of the state championships

and learned a lot from their matches.

"It was a great experience for them and they're already talking about next year," Drake said. "They've seen what it takes to win at this level and they're talking about their preparation over the summer for next year."

The 160-pound Robertson led the way, closing his career by finishing fourth, narrowly eclipsing his fifth-place finish from a year ago. Freshman sensation Dannen Merrill capped his 2007 campaign with a fifth-place finish at 119.

Robertson advanced to the semifinals before losing an overtime decision by one. Once in the consolation bracket, he battled back by advancing to the third-place match

before finally getting eliminated.

Robertson (32-12) described his second state tournament as bittersweet.

"It could have been better," Robertson said. "I was looking to go to the finals but sometimes there are just better people out there. I was a little disappointed but I tried as hard as I could."

Merrill (29-10) also advanced to the semis but fell to the eventual class champion. After getting pinned in his first wrestleback match, he won his final one via decision to notch fifth place.

"He was a little overmatched in the semis," Drake said. "Sometimes when they lose, they lose the drive to win but he showed good determination and came back to win

a medal."

Luke Lancaster, Tanner Archer, Derek DeMott and Jacob Zech each lost in the first round of wrestlebacks. Junior Dakota Merrill won his first consolation match but failed to reach the medal round.

As for next season, the 'Hounds return the remaining six qualifiers and the remainder of the team.

Robertson is leaning toward attending Cornell College in Iowa to continue his wrestling career.

"Everyone wrestled well, no one froze," Drake said. "The competition is just very tough at this level. We're not displeased with the outcome, just got to prepare and get back there next year."

SPRING PREVIEW

—MHS BASEBALL

New coach brings fresh ideas

By Marcus Meade
Community News Editor

He's waited for six years, and now he'll get his chance.

Thom Alvarez, new head coach of the Maryville baseball team, has spent six years at the high school level before. He coached at two schools in California, his home state.

"Growing up in California we never had to practice inside," Alvarez said. "We're going to have to do a lot more individual work."

That work will be to improve on the 4-14 record of last season.

To help with that task, Alvarez has five seniors and 12 returning lettermen including Matt Parker, a team leader in RBI's.

"He's going to work more on defense...I think you'll see a better defense out there. We're going to

try to cut down the errors," Parker said.

The 'Hounds had a total of 68 errors last season, which averages to almost four errors a game.

With only five seniors, the 'Hounds will be counting on some younger players this year, Alvarez said. Players like sophomore Adam Mattison, who saw two starts at pitcher last year.

During these early months, installing his own brand of baseball will be the first thing on Alvarez's agenda, he said.

"I want to play an upbeat, put the pressure on the other team, type of baseball. Both offensively and defensively," Alvarez said.

With an aggressive style of play

the 'Hounds hope to send a message to other teams that a game at Maryville is going to be a dogfight, Alvarez said.

"I want to take care of our house," Alvarez said. "I think winning games at home is where it all begins."

Along with his short-term goals, changing the culture of baseball in Maryville is a long-term goal of his. Alvarez hopes to get his players playing together in the summer to build the trust and chemistry it takes to win during the school year, he said.

The 'Hounds begin practice on Feb. 26 and play their first game at home 4:30 p.m., March 19, against Nebraska City.

opportunity."

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—BOYS' GOLF

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Brenda Ricks

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Josh Hays
Spencer McGinness

Juniors:
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Zack Johnson

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Irin Alumbaugh

First-time Golfers:
Juniors:
Chase Barr
Josh Cordell
Ben Snead

Freshmen:
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Levi Runyon
Brian Snead

Team Goals:
Straighten drives
Improved putting skills
Keep their scores low
Go to state

Coach's Goals:
■Get the golfers focused on their short game
■Do well in home tournaments
■Do well in the conference and in districts
■Expect to go to state
■Improve

GOLF SCHEDULE:

3/22 4 p.m.	F/J/V	@Smithville
3/29 4 p.m.	J/V	@Fairview
4/5 4 p.m.	F/J/V	@Benton/Savannah
4/9 4 p.m.	F/J/V	@Cameron
4/10 1 p.m.	V	@Shenandoah Tournament
4/12 4 p.m.	F/J/V	Tarkio/ NEN/ Rockport
4/14 Noon	V	Pembroke Hill
4/17 4 p.m.	F/J/V	@Platte County
4/20 9 a.m.	J/V	@Cameron Tournament
4/23 9 a.m.	F/J/V	@Chillicothe Tournament
4/24 8:30 a.m.	J/V	Maryville Tournament
4/26 4 p.m.	F/J/V	@Fairview
4/27 8:30 a.m.	V	@Richmond Tournament at Shirley GC
4/30 TBA	V	Districts at Shirley GC
5/1 4 p.m.	J/V	@ Fairview
5/7 TBA	Varsity	MEC meet at Cameron
5/14 TBA	Varsity	State Tournament

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—MHS BOYS' /GIRLS' TRACK

Date	Meet	Time
3/22	@ Kearney Time Trials	3 p.m.
3/28	@ Platte Co. 9th-10th	4 p.m.
4/3	@Nebraska City Invitational	2 p.m.
4/3	@Lafayette Freshman Relays	4 p.m.
4/6	@ Chillicothe - Girls only	5 p.m.
4/6	@ Clarinda Invitational - Boys only	2 p.m.
4/10	Maryville Invitational	4 p.m.
4/13	@ Chillicothe High School	2 p.m.
4/17	@ Savannah Relays	4 p.m.
4/23	@ Platte Co. Invitational	4 p.m.
4/24	@Lafayette Irish Relays	3 p.m.
4/27	Maryville Relays - Senior Night	4 p.m.
5/1	@ MEC Meet	TBA
5/8	@ Cardinal Relays	4 p.m.
5/12	@ Districts	TBA
5/19	@ Kearney - Sectionals	TBA
5/25	@ Jefferson City - State	TBA

—BOYS' TENNIS

The Maryville High School boys' tennis team is looking at this season for improvement after losing some players from last year's team.

This year it may take a few months for the Spoofhounds to return to form, but they hope to be better by the end of the season when they enter districts. With some up and coming freshmen on the roster, the 'Hounds look to do well in the always-close conference schedule.

SCHEDULE:

Date	Time	J/V	Location
3/22	4:30 p.m.	J/V	@Savannah
3/29	4:30 p.m.	J/V	@Lafayette
4/3	4:30 p.m.	J/V	LeBlond
4/5	4:30 p.m.	J/V	Benton
4/9	4:30 p.m.	J/V	Cameron
4/10	4:30 p.m.	J/V	@Shenandoah
4/17	4:30 p.m.	J/V	Lafayette
4/19	4:30 p.m.	J/V	@ Benton
4/23	4:30 p.m.	F/J/V	Savannah
4/30	4:30 p.m.	J/V	@Savannah
5/1	4:30 p.m.	J/V	LeBlond
5/1	4:30 p.m.	J/V	Clarinda
5/3	8:30 p.m.	V	@Tournament
5/7	5:30 p.m.	J/V	@Chillicothe
5/10	TBA	V	@Districts
5/19	TBA	V	@Sectionals
5/25	TBA	V	@ State

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—HOROSCOPES

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You're very smart this year, especially at solving old problems. Even better, you're wildly imaginative and creative. You'll come up with all sorts of new concepts and products from all that old data you've collected.

To get the advantage, check the day's ratings: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 — You're collecting the reward. Don't spend it all in one place. Don't tell anybody how much you got, either. Keep it invisible.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — You may be getting tired of the nervous, excitable types. Might as well get used to them. They are drawn to your self-assurance.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is an 8 — As you expound your theory, with data to support it, the others realize how smart you are. Don't skip the data. Although you're charming, that's the important part.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is an 8 — Of course you care about others. It's OK for them to understand how much you've already done for them, and how much you can do, in the future. Let them figure it out, from hints.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6 — You're advancing but now you're getting into somebody else's territory. Remember your manners and see what you can do for the person in power.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 — New possibilities open up, and you want to go check them out. Your main problem is figuring out how to make this trip work-related. Don't worry — you'll come up with something.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 5 — You can stash away quite a bit for the future now, if you will. That, and fixing up your place, are your best financial options.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — Set up a partnership now that's about teaching as well as learning. This will be solid and supportive for many years, most likely.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8 — The work's getting steadier. If you commit to doing what's asked of you now. Slow and steady will do just fine — you'll see.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8 — Often, it's up to you to make success happen in your life. This time, you'll notice a greater Power helping you to relax. It's OK — you'll emerge refreshed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 6 — Put your money into a good investment that you and your family can enjoy while you're accruing wealth. Buy land.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8 — The next assignment is for you to get your team to work together. You do this by delegating a specific task to everyone.

—STROLLER

Your Man hates censorship



The Stroller

When I came to Northwest I expected to be censored. I knew that when I told my teachers one of their questions was crap that I would probably be in trouble for it.

What I didn't know was that college is less like a Nazi Germany and more like a politically correct crapshoot.

When I was a kid I played cowboys and Indians. Now, there are no Indians, there are Native Americans, but no Indians. So what do kids play? Cowboys and Native Americans?

But is cowboy politically correct? Is he a cowboy? Or a cowperson? Where does the insanity stop?

I cannot stand these ultra sensitive liberal hippy professors who look like they haven't bathed since the '60s.

It's not Black, it's African American. It's not gay; it's homosexual, and if you're white,

They are physically disabled. At least, I think that's what they are. Political correctness changes so frequently that the terms I write as politically correct in this article will no doubt be bigotry by tomorrow.

I'm not saying break out your bed sheets let's start a cross burning. That is wrong, and that is racism. But give me a break. I mean if I refer to an Indian as a Native America, will that give them their land back?

No. But the \$200 I lost playing blackjack might.

The only solace I have is that no matter how politically correct this country becomes, no matter how many gay people become people attracted to those with sexual organs the same as theirs, or whatever we will call them, I know that this country will never become politically correct to make fun of Canada. And that lets me sleep at night.

Canada sucks.

—MOVIE REVIEW

'Ghost Rider' sputters through bad plot

By Daniel Whitacre
Missourian Reporter

"Ghost Rider" is a story about a man named Johnny Blaze, played by Nicolas Cage, who makes a deal with the devil to save his father from death. Blaze's part of the deal is that he will become the Ghost Rider and carry out the devil's deeds when called upon.

With a story that lends itself very well to anyone with a sense of darkness and tragedy, this movie could start off great. Add \$120 million and this movie should be a No. 1 hit.

Unfortunately, money isn't everything. It would seem that director Mark Steven Johnson has a laughable ability for putting superheroes on the big screen. There are a few moments in the movie when it has to be assumed that the actors were directed to perform as if they were auditioning for a children's film about fire safety.

As much hype as was made by the movie it's no shock that it is trying to make its huge budget back in early ticket sales. From the beginning, "Ghost Rider" burns through the back story as if expecting the audience to walk out unless it cuts to the chase. From there it flies through weak plot points and incredibly disappointing fight scenes, all the while trying to piece together religious gibberish and western folklore.

It only makes sense that it would be a race to save the world from Armageddon at the hands of an evil demon, however the first thought after the final battle should not be, "that was easy."

This movie raised the question, after "Batman Begins" did so well, why wouldn't studios start producing well-made superhero movies?

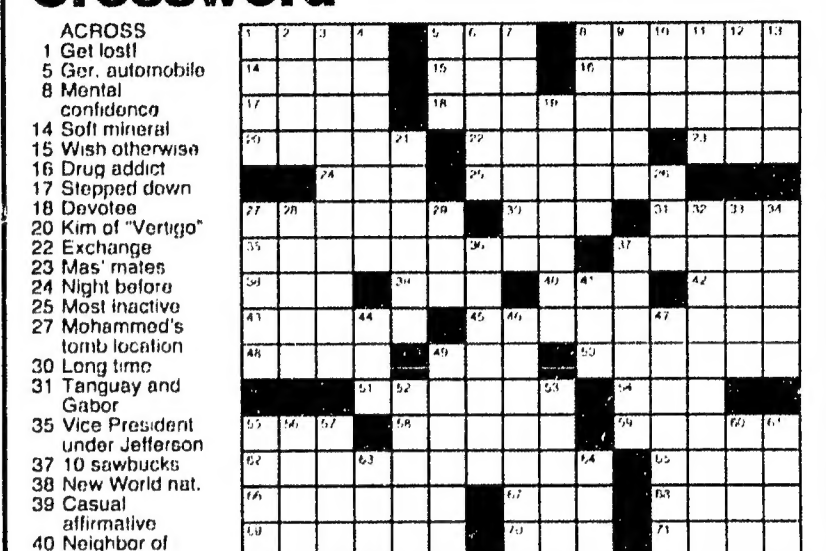
A story such as "Ghost Rider" could have been developed into something really good. Instead, every chance that the film had

to make a good plot it choked hard. Fans will leave shaking their heads in disgust, and everyone else will have a fleeting impression.



Dan rates "Ghost Rider" 1 out of 5 popcorns.

Crossword



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- Monte
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- Stepped down
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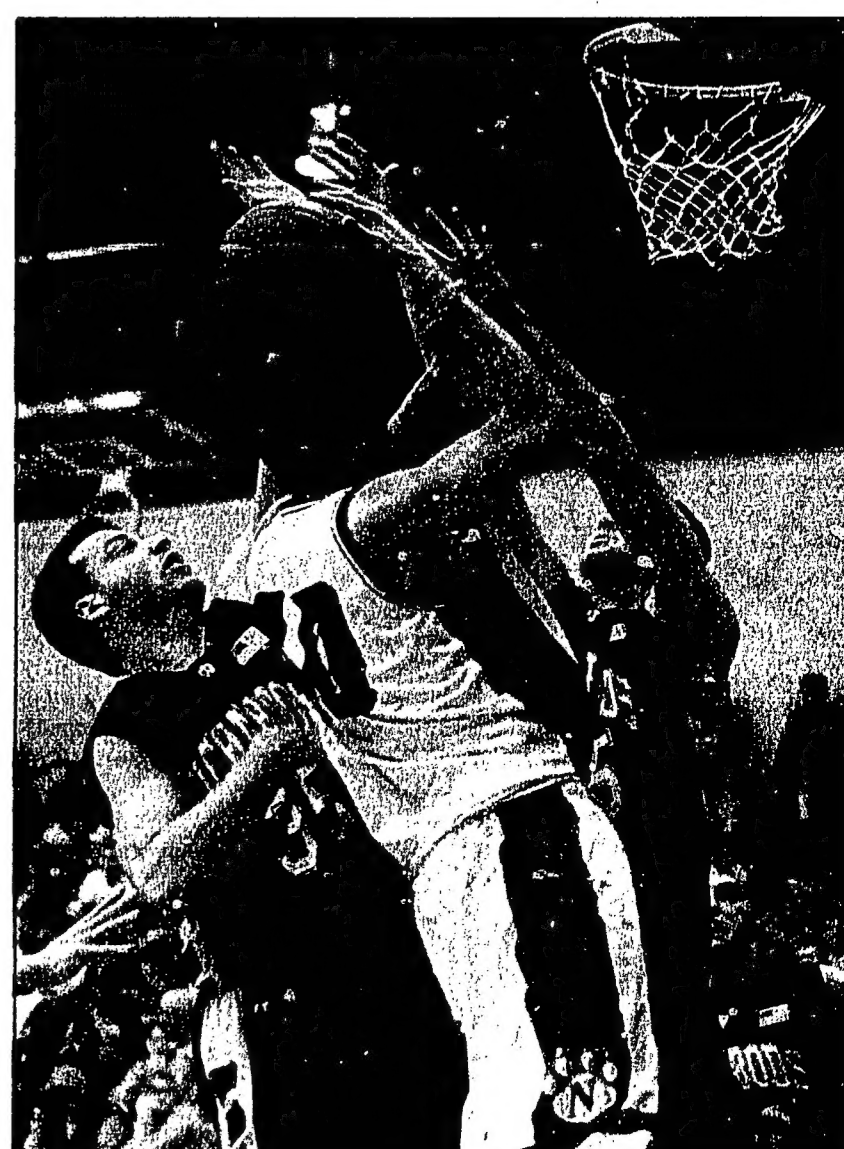
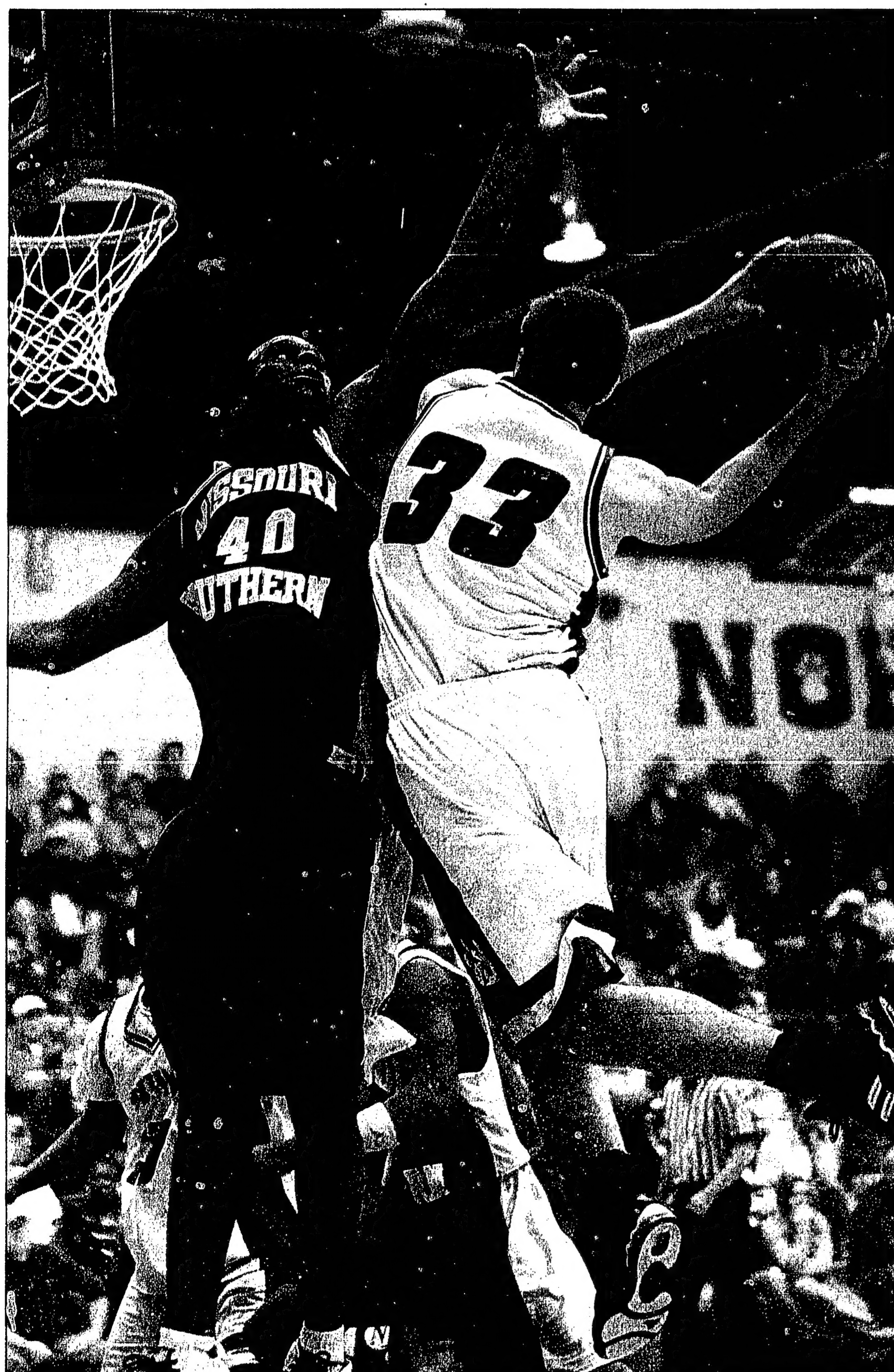
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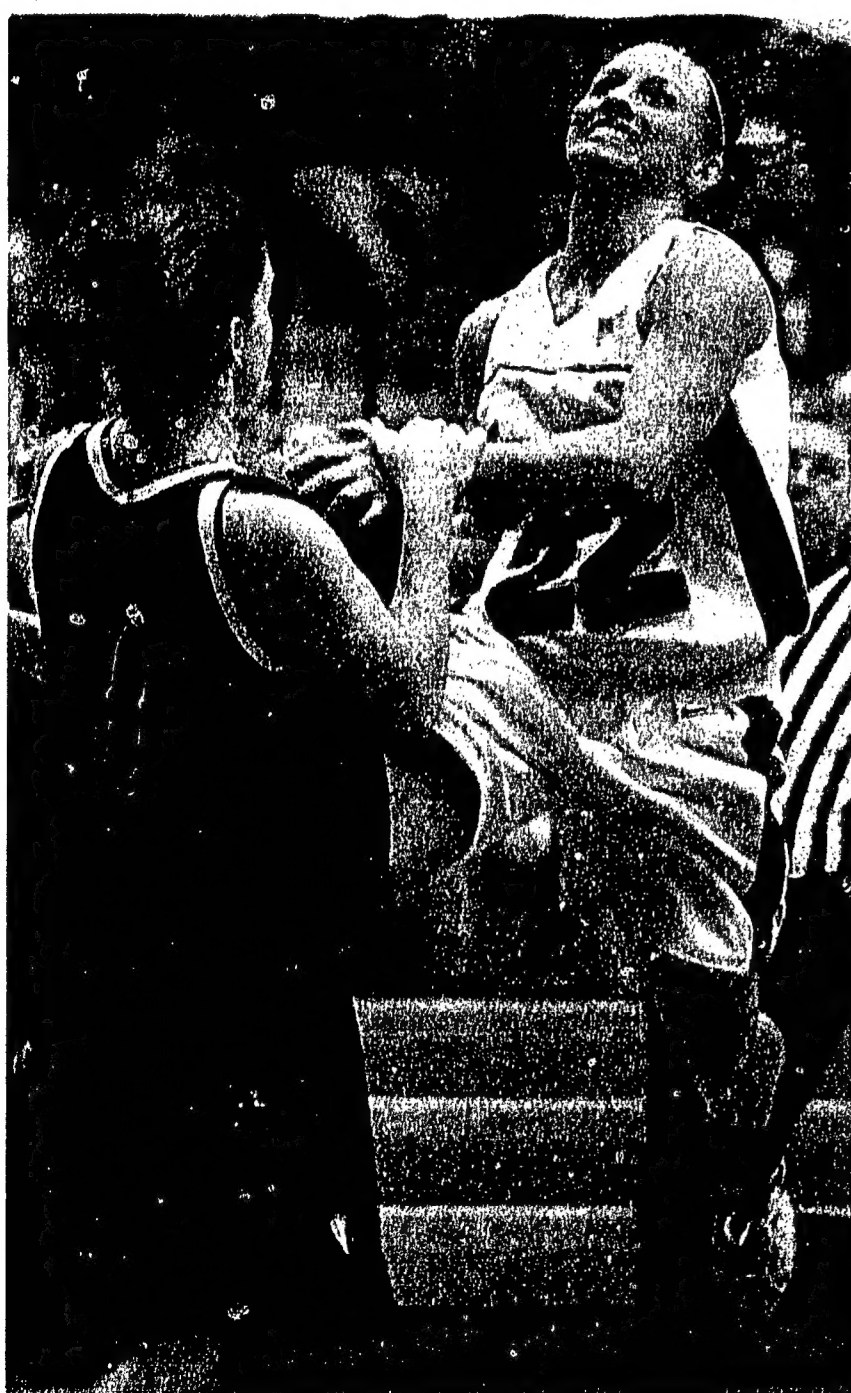
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(left) NORTHWEST GUARD Andy Peterson makes a move to get by Missouri Southern forward Deonte Cox during Saturday afternoon's game held at Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats beat the Lions 75-60. (top right) NORTHWEST FORWARD Mandi Schumacher scrambles for the ball against a Missouri Southern defender in Saturday afternoon's game. Schumacher had a total of 12 points in the win against Missouri Southern. (above) NORTHWEST FORWARD Hunter Henry attempts a lay-up against two Missouri Southern defenders in Saturday afternoon's game held in Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats won 75-60. photo by Mike Dye



NORTHWEST GUARD Kelli Nelson gets fouled by Washburn's Jessica Aebi in Wednesday night's game held in Bearcat Arena. Despite Nelson's best efforts, the Bearcats lost to the Lady Blues 86-73.

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